Pennsylvania Department of Aging Meal Guidelines

Food

Amounts/Comments

Calories:

Each meal must provide at least 600-750 calories

Protein:

Each entree must provide 3 oz. of protein. (meat,

cheese, eggs, fish, beans, etc)

Fruits &

Two ½ cup servings with each meal

Vegetables:

Fresh fruits and vegetables served at least twice

per week

Grains:

1-2 servings of bread or grains with each meal

Pasta, rice, and noodles are counted as a grain

Less than 85g carbohydrates per meal (averaged

over the week)

Calcium:

Milk or a calcium equivalent served with each meal

Fiber:

A minimum daily average of 7 grams

Fat:

Average daily fat content, averaged over a week, will

not exceed 35% of total calories

Sodium:

Average daily sodium content, averaged over a week,

will not exceed 1300mg per meal

